

wherein the reaction is carried out in the presence of at least one of the following compounds (i): an α , β -unsaturated carboxylic acid, an α , β -unsaturated carboxylic acid derivative, an α , β -unsaturated ketone and an α , β -unsaturated aldehyde.

2. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the compound (i) comprises a compound having the formula $R^1R^2 - C = CR^3COR^4$, where

R^1 : H, $C_1 - C_{12}$ - alkyl, or $C_6 - C_{20}$ - aryl,

R^2 : H, $C_1 - C_{12}$ - alkyl, or $C_6 - C_{20}$ - aryl,

R^3 : H, $C_1 - C_{12}$ - alkyl, or $C_6 - C_{20}$ - aryl,

R^4 : H, $C_1 - C_{12}$ - alkyl, or $C_6 - C_{20}$ - aryl, -O - $C_1 - C_{12}$ - alkyl,

-O - $C_1 - C_{12}$ - alkyl - OH, - $C_1 - C_{12}$ - alkyl - OH, -O - $C_1 - C_{12}$ - alkyl,

-O - $C_1 - C_{12}$ - alkyl - NH_2 ,

- $C_1 - C_{12}$ - alkyl - NH_2 , -O-Benzyl, -O-Aryl,

-O - $C_1 - C_{12}$ - alkyl - $COOH$,

-O - $C_1 - C_{12}$ - alkyl - $CH(OH) - CH_2 - O - (CO) - CHCH_2$,

-O - $C_1 - C_{12}$ - alkyl - O - (CO) - $CHCH_2$, or

-O - $C_1 - C_{12}$ - alkyl - $CH(OH) - C_1 - C_{12}$ - alkyl - O - $C_1 - C_{12}$ - alkyl -

O - $C_1 - C_{12}$ - alkyl - $CH(OH) - CH_2 - O - (CO) - CHCH_2$.

3. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the compound (i) comprises at least one of acrylic acid, crotonic acid, isocrotonic acid, sorbic acid, fumaric acid, cinnamic acid, hydroxyethyl acrylate, 3-(acryloyl-oxy)-2-hydroxypropyl methacrylate, benzyl cinnamate, trans-3-nonen-2-one, benzalacetone, dibenzalacetone, benzalacetophenone, 1-methylbenzalacetophenone, crotonaldehyde, cinnamaldehyde,

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methyl vinyl ketone and an α , β -unsaturated polyester diol prepared by polycondensation of maleic acid, fumaric acid, methacrylic acid and/or acrylic acid with oligomeric diols having a molecular weight factor per double bond of from 150 to 3000, a functionality of from 2 to 6, a hydroxyl number of from 20 to 800 and an acid number of from 0 to 15.

4. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein compound (i) is used in an amount of from 0.01 to 20% by weight, based on the weight of the polyurethane foam.

5. (Amended) A flexible polyurethane foam obtained in accordance with a process as claimed in claim 1.


6. (Amended) A flexible polyurethane foam comprising products of the reaction of primary and/or secondary amines with α , β -unsaturated carboxylic acids, α , β -unsaturated carboxylic acid derivatives, α , β -unsaturated ketones and/or α , β -unsaturated aldehydes.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request examination of the present application as amended herein. Claims 1-6 have been amended. Upon entry of the above preliminary amendment, claims 1-6 remain pending in the application. A marked-up version of the amended claims is attached hereto in Appendix A. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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